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**RE:** Serial No. 09/101,846  
Filed: July 17, 1998

Following please find:

1. Reply Under 37 C.F. R. Sec. 1.111 – Response to Office Action  
Dated March 31, 2003; and
2. Petition & Fee for One Month Extension of Time

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Finzel et al.

Serial No.: 09/101,846

Filed: July 17, 1998

Title: Cable Joint for Optical Fibers with Splicing Cassettes  
and Overlength Loops

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. sec. 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2003, the following faxed amendment(s) and remark(s) are submitted. Applicants respectfully request that this reply be entered into the record as a substantive reply to the outstanding Office Action.

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